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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady. No trading was reported. Offerings are very light. Demand was light to moderate with inquiry unfulfilled. Parts and meats trading was slow to moderate. Demand was light to good. Offerings were barely adequate to short and held with confidence.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light to fair. Inquiry was moderate. Offerings were barely adequate to short.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JULY 27, 2006**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JULY 28, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	76.00	76.43	76.31
CENTRAL REGION	74.70 **	73.70 **	73.22
WESTERN REGION	75.20 **	74.60 **	73.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	76.00 **	76.20	72.20 **
CENTRAL REGION	74.70 **	74.00	74.75
WESTERN REGION	75.20 **	74.60 **	73.00

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	75-82

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	112-120

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of July 31, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)      Volume (lbs.)

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	86.49	400,000
16-24 lbs.	85.25	20,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	40,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

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Total Volume:              470,000

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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 22-JuL-2006 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
North East	760	4	23.14	(A)	762	23.14
South Atlantic	715	-8	33.25	(A)	717	33.25
North Central	2,233	-3	31.66	(A)	2,235	31.66
South Central	662	-8	18.38	(A)	664	18.38
West	314	-3	25.97	(A)	315	25.97

U.S. total              4,684(B) -3      28.28              9      4,693      28.28

To-date

2006              128,955(B)              151      129,106

To-date

2005              123,667(B)              105      123,772

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 64,000; for the current year to date 673,000; for last year to date 682,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

June              483,517\*

July 1 - 22, 2006              305,881\*

To date 2006              2,904,884\*

To date 2005              2,861,822\*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
W/E 22-JuL-2006					
Head	1,939	2,681	64	9	4,693
Avg Wt	16.12	37.13	24.38	38.59	28.28
Last week	1,931	2,903	16	1	4,851
Same wk yr ago	1,989	2,679	30	16	4,714
Avg Wt	15.82	36.43	21.51	23.19	27.59
To-date/2006	55,397	72,885	673	151	129,106
To-date/2005	49,103	73,882	682	105	123,772

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT.** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 JULY 2006.

The market tone on parts and meats steady to firm except for hen two-joint wings, tom drums, and necks steady to barely steady. Demand was in a full range, light to good. Export interest continues to be fair. Offerings short to barely adequate and held with confidence. Trading was slow. Domestic, fresh scapula 125 cents delivered. Export; tom necks 22.5 cents delivered to port, fresh thigh meat 76 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	139.00		139.00	6
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	32.11	90
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	32.00		32.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	32.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	36.31	130
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	40.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	106.00	20
NECKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	108
NECKS, HEN		F	24.00	32
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	190.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	220.00-222.00		220.86	140
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	75.00	18
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	122.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		M	124.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	177.86	70
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	184.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	217.00-219.00		218.60	25
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00-23.00		22.22	180
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.50-31.50		30.90	134
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	34.00		34.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	38.50		38.50	54
TAILS		F	34.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.50		18.50	108
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	73.00		73.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on parts and meats steady to firm except for hen two-joint wings, tom drums, and necks steady to barely steady. Demand remains mixed from light to good with white meat finding the most interest. Export interest continues to be fair. Offerings short to barely adequate and held with confidence. Trading was slow to moderate. Domestic; Fresh scapula 125 cents. Export; Fresh tom drums 30-31 cents delivered, fresh mechanically separated turkey 23 cents delivered, fresh thigh meat 75-76 cents delivered, Russian frozen thigh meat 100 cents delivered, ground thigh trim 41 cents delivered, and frozen hen thigh meat 72 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	139.00	6	139.00	6
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-32.00		31.20	100	31.63	190
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	31.00-37.00		32.60	100	31.77	260
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	20	32.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.00-36.00		35.50	80	34.54	370
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	32.00		32.00	20	32.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00-41.00		40.50	40	40.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	106.00		106.00	10	106.00	10
NECKS, TOM	22.00-25.00		22.42	198	23.12	436
NECKS, HEN		F	24.00	32		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	190.00	40	189.33	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	220.00-224.00		222.15	106	221.79	306
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	74.00-79.00		75.88	405	75.88	405
BREAST TRIM MEAT	122.00		122.00	10	122.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT	124.00-125.00		124.58	190	124.48	230
TENDERLOINS		F	177.86	70		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	184.00	10	184.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	97.00-102.00		98.12	214	98.12	214
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	220.00		220.00	50	219.38	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	21.00	40	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00-23.00		22.34	302	22.28	522
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	40	30.74	714
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	34.00	54	34.43	94
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	44.50-47.00		46.17	324	45.07	378
TAILS	24.00-28.50		28.12	118	28.12	118
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	18.50	108	18.50	108
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	75.00-80.00		77.50	80	74.88	320

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